Strongyloides hyperinfection cases reported by AIIMS, New Delhi

1651. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cases of Strongyloides hyperinfection syndrome patients have been reported by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, recently;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last two years;

(c) whether 'Thiabendazole' 'Merck-Sharp-Dohme' medicines recommended by the AIIMS to cure such disease is not available in the country; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to get this medicine from foreign countries to enable the patients to cure themselves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) At the AIIMS, from amongst 2000 stool examinations, 10 cases were found positive for strongyloides. Out of a total of 10 cases of intestinal infection with strongyloides, only one case of strongyloides hyperinfection was diagnosed during the last two years. Strongyloides infection is very rare.

(c) and (d) "Thiabendazole" has not been used and hence not purchased by the AIIMS during the last 5-6 years. It is learnt that the production of this medicine has been discontinued by the firm. However, newer drugs are known now in the same series for use in treating the disease.

Lifting of samples of milk supplies from trucks by the department of FPA

1652. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of trucks bring milk to Delhi from the neighbouring States and supply it to the dairies for onward sale;

(b) if so, the number of samples of milk lifted from the trucks by the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration during the period from 1985 to 1988, year-wise and the percentage of adulteration found;

(c) the details of dairies prosecuted and further action contemplated against the milk trucks, supplying adulterated milk to the dairies in Delhi;

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government propose to take action for not lifting of milk samples by the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) A number of trucks regularly bring milk from neighbouring States for supplying to various dairies including Mother Dairy and Delhi Milk Scheme.

(b) As per the information made available by Delhi Administration, the number of samples of milk lifted from trucks during the years 1985 to 1988 and the percentage of samples found adulterated is given as under:—

Year	No. of samples lifted	Percentage of samples found adulterated
1985 . . .	58	44.8%
1986 . . .	09	44.4%
1987 . . .	35	37%
1988 . . .	Nil	..

(c) From 1985 to 1988, eighty-six (86) dairies have been prosecuted for selling adulterated milk, 24 samples of milk have been lifted from trucks during the current year and a vigil will be kept to ensure that trucks bring milk conforming to the prescribed standards.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Setting up of Biological and Technological Research Centre in Orissa

1653. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Biological and Technological Research Centre at Balugaon in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the Research work undertaken by that Biological Research Centre, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Central Register of Homoeopathy

1654. SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Register of Homoeopathy has been prepared;

(b) if not; since when it is under preparation and what steps are being taken for its completion; and

(c) by when it is likely to be prepared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir. The Central Register of Homoeopathy is in the process of compliation.

(b) Steps were taken by the Central Council of Homoeopathy to prepare the Central Register from March, 1983. Index cards for preparing alphabatised list of parctitioners of Homoeopathy enrolled on state Register of Homoeopathy in respect of 13 States have already been prepared for the maintenance of Central Register of Homoeopathy. The preparation of index cards in respect of practitioners of homoeopathy enrolled on the state Registers of M. Ps.; U.P; and Meghalaya is in progress. The State Register of practitioners of homoeopathy in respect of West Bengal is still awaited. Complete information with respect to States of Bihar and Rajasthan is also awaited.

(c) The Central Register of Homoeopathy is expect to be completed before the end of 1989.

Recruitment of additional staff in the pay and accounts office, Secunderabad

1655. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2110 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14 March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to employ adequate additional staff and to do away with overtime duties in the Pay and Accounts office in Secunderabad, in view of the increase in the workload; and

(b) what results have been achieved so far by the introduction of computers in saving man-power and eliminating overtime duties in the said office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The deficiency in staff has since been made up. However, some overtime duties are required to be performed to complete time bound activities such as closing of quarterly accounts.

(b) A computer system has recently been installed to cover the work of Pay & Accounts Offices at Secunderabad. Since the work is being taken over on